

Help shape outdoor recreation in the Mississippi River Corridor Region!

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking information from the public on existing outdoor recreation opportunities in the Mississippi River Corridor Region and the most pressing needs for the future. **The data gathered in this form, along with other information, will be used to develop a Recreation Opportunities Analysis that will help guide future management and uses of DNR properties in the region.** The ten counties comprising the Mississippi River Corridor Region are (see map):



Buffalo Dunn La Crosse Pierce Trempealeau
Crawford Grant Pepin St. Croix Vernon

Section A: Your *participation* in outdoor recreation in the Mississippi River Corridor Region.

1 Which **outdoor recreation activities** do you pursue in the Mississippi River Corridor Region? (check all boxes that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. ATV/UTV riding | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Fishing – from shore | <input type="checkbox"/> R. Motorboating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Bicycling on surfaced trails | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Fishing – from a boat, canoe or kayak | <input type="checkbox"/> S. Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Bicycling – mountain biking, single track | <input type="checkbox"/> K. Fishing – ice fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> T. Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Bicycling – winter/fat tire | <input type="checkbox"/> L. Harvesting berries, mushrooms, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> U. Target firearm shooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Camping – RV/pop-up | <input type="checkbox"/> M. Hiking, walking, running on trails | <input type="checkbox"/> V. Trapping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Camping – tent | <input type="checkbox"/> N. Horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> W. Wildlife/bird watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G. Canoeing/kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> O. Hunting – big game (deer, bear) | <input type="checkbox"/> X. Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. Cross-country skiing/snowshoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> P. Hunting – turkey, waterfowl, small game | <input type="checkbox"/> Y. Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Q. Off-highway motorcycle riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Z. Other _____ |

2 From the above list, which **two** are your **favorite activities** to pursue in the Mississippi River Corridor Region? _____ and _____
(letter) (letter)

3 Which public properties have you **visited in the last three years** in the Mississippi River Corridor Region? (check all boxes that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo River State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Wildlife Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewa River State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Van Loon Wildlife Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coon Creek Fishery Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildcat Mountain State Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dunnville Wildlife Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Willow River State Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great River State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyalusing State Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hillsboro State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Hawk Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hoffman Hills Recreation Area | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Croix National Scenic Riverway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kickapoo Wildlife Area | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Croix Wetland Management District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kinnickinnic State Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> La Crosse Area Comprehensive Fishery Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> La Crosse River State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Wisconsin State Riverway | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merrick State Park | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muddy Creek Wildlife Area | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nelson Dewey State Park | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pecatonica State Trail | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perrot State Park | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Cedar State Trail | |

Local Parks & Forests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo | <input type="checkbox"/> Pepin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crawford | <input type="checkbox"/> Pierce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dunn | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Croix |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> Trempealeau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> La Crosse | <input type="checkbox"/> Vernon |

4 Which **three factors** are most important in **determining your favorite property** to visit in the Mississippi River Corridor Region? (check up to three boxes)

- ☐ The quality of the trails.
- ☐ The quality of the recreation facilities. (other than trails)
- ☐ Good maps, signs, or information about the property.
- ☐ The desire to be in a quiet place.
- ☐ The likelihood of seeing or harvesting fish and/or wildlife.
- ☐ The quality of the habitat.
- ☐ The property is easy to access.
- ☐ The ability to meet friends or family at the property.
- ☐ I anticipate that the property will not be crowded.
- ☐ Opportunity to combine the property visit with other places of interest.
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Other _____

Section B: Your thoughts on **future needs** for outdoor recreation in the Mississippi River Corridor Region

- 5** Which, if any, of these **additional outdoor recreation opportunities** do you think are most needed in the Mississippi River Corridor Region? (check all the boxes that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> More hiking/walking/running trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Larger populations of big game species (deer, bear) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More trails for motorized recreation (ATVs, UTVs, off-highway motorcycles, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Larger populations of turkey, waterfowl, small game species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More paved bicycling trails | <input type="checkbox"/> More public shooting ranges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More natural surface (dirt) bicycling trails | <input type="checkbox"/> More developed campgrounds (electric hook-ups, flush toilets, showers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More horse trails | <input type="checkbox"/> More rustic/quiet campgrounds (pit toilets, no electricity or generators) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More public boat launches | <input type="checkbox"/> More local parks and playgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More public shore access to lakes & streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More wildlife watching decks or platforms | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More lands open to public hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> No additional recreational opportunities are needed in the region |

- 6** There are over 150 miles of roads on DNR properties in the Mississippi River Corridor Region that are open to “street-legal vehicles” (this includes cars, pick-up trucks, SUVs, motorcycles, horses, and bicycles). These roads are **not** open to motorized recreational vehicles, such as **ATVs, UTVs, and limited use off-highway motorcycles**. Recently, several local units of government have authorized some types of motorized recreational vehicles on designated local roads. We’d like your opinions on allowing access by **motorized recreational vehicles** on roads in DNR properties in the Mississippi River Corridor Region for the following purposes. (check one box)

- ☐ I support **all** roads on DNR properties remaining **closed** to motorized recreation vehicles **year-round**.
- ☐ I support **all** roads on DNR properties being **opened** to motorized recreation vehicles **year-round**.
- ☐ I support **some** roads on DNR properties being **opened** to motorized recreation vehicles for **some** purposes.

If you select this option, please check all the circles below that apply.

- ☐ I support **some** roads on DNR properties being **opened** to motorized recreation vehicles to provide access **during the fall hunting season** (Sept 1 to Dec 31).
- ☐ I support **some** roads on DNR properties being **opened** to motorized recreation vehicles in order to **connect regional motorized trail networks**.
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Don't know/unsure.

- 7** Please describe any other needs or issues related to outdoor recreation in the Mississippi River Corridor Region, particularly on DNR properties, that you believe should be included in the Recreation Opportunities Analysis.

Section C: About you.

- 8** In which county and zip code is your permanent residence?

_____ (county) _____ (zip code)

- 9** Do you own vacation or recreational property in the Mississippi River Corridor Region?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, where? _____ (municipality) _____ (county)

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Thank you!

